



Our spiritual practice for September is **Invitation**.

“It really is about putting love into practice: if justice is what love looks like in public, then inclusion is what love looks like among groups.”

~ Matthew Johnson

Sunday, September 29, 2024

“Hope: A Status Report”

with Peter Jabin

There are so many voices speaking to these unprecedented times in which we live, times for which our species truly has no reference. To find a path forward, we must slow down and listen. Please join us for an impressionistic message — a collage, if you will — in multiple voices seeking to discern new meanings for the idea and, more importantly, the experience of hope.

Prelude

Pachelbel’s Canon (arr. Sylvia Woods)
Bach Air on the G String (arr. Barbara Brundage)

Harp: Dennis McDermot

Morning Song

Hymn #121 “We’ll Build a Land”

Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos), adapt.
Music: Carolyn McDade

Congregation

Welcome

Anne Kohlbry (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle

with the words of Lynne Harrison

Anne Kohlbry

Opening Words

responsive reading from *The Many*/BTS Center

Peter Jabin (he/him)

Opening Hymn

“Here Together” (for Gathering)

Words & Music: David M. Glasgow

Congregation

Story for All

Pandora’s Gift, an ancient Greek myth
as told by Faye Mogenson

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Share the Plate Offering

Anne Kohlbry

Offertory

“Healing Waters”
Poem: Suzanne Bury / Music: Clif Hardin

OUUC Choir

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Sara Lewis

Prayerful Practice

“Invocation” by Everett Hoagland

Peter Jabin

Musical Response

“All Through the Night” with “The Parting Glass”

Harp: Dennis McDermot

Part 1

Chant: “Carry This All” by Alexandra Blakely
Introduction
Psalm 98:4-9
From The Dream of the Earth (1988) by geologist,
Fr. Thomas Berry
The Message that Moves the Whole World
From Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert by
Terry Tempest Williams
From Disturbing the Peace by Vaclav Havel

Peter Jabin, Choir, & Cong.

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Anne Kohlbry

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Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Part 2

Climate Crisis, Poly-Crisis, Meta-Crisis
Joanna Macy, Active Hope
From An Interrupted Life: The Diaries of Etty
Hillesum, 1941-1943
A Prayer by M Jade Kaiser of en fleshed

Peter Jabin

Anne Kohlbry

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Rev. Sara Lewis

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From Francis Weller, Preface to Choosing Earth
by Duane Elgin

Peter Jabin

Responsive Affirmation by Gail Bradbrook,
Extinction Rebellion UK, June 2023

Peter Jabin and congregation

Closing Hymn

“Here Together” (for Going Forth)

Words & Music: David M. Glasgow

Congregation

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Peter Jabin

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What/who, in all of creation, do you love?
- For what and for whom, in all of creation, does your heart break?
- What are your truest beliefs about whether persistence will succeed in reorienting human behavior and aspiration so that our grandchildren will not be relegated to an unlivable world?

Today’s After-Service Forum (11:30 am) with the Legacy Giving Team

Later this afternoon (1-4 pm), you are invited to join Peter Jabin’s workshop, entitled “Earth Grief: Making Space for a Heartful Response.” This is an opportunity to share our feelings about the emergent climate/poly-crisis in a safe and supportive space. There is no cost to attend and drop-ins are welcome. Find more info here: <https://www.ouuc.org/earth-grief-workshop/>

Next Sunday, October 6, 2024:

“Christian Nationalism and Religious Freedom” with Rev. Carol McKinley

The right to practice religion, or no religion at all, is among the most fundamental of the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. That freedom is threatened by Christian Nationalism, an ideology that advocates for recognition of the United States as a white Christian nation. What does that mean for those who do not identify as Christians?

October 6 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Faith in Action at OUUC

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Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for September and October is All Kids Win.

All Kids Win envisions a community in which hunger never gets in the way of student success. Created in April 2006, when caring community volunteers recognized a weekend food security gap in local middle and high school students, they currently provide weekend food bags to more than 1100 students per week during the school year. This food provides a basic need to students in Thurston County.

If you write a check, please note “pledge” if it is a pledge payment. Other donations will benefit the Share the Plate program.

- Checks can be mailed to OUUC at: 2306 East End St NW
Olympia, WA 98502
- Donate online at <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/offering>
- Donate by text: Text “OUUC offering” to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Singer-songwriter Roy Zimmerman returns to OUUC on Saturday, October 5th. He will perform a concert at 7:30pm. Save the date and plan to sing and laugh with Roy. <https://www.royzimmerman.com/>

Mark your calendar: it’s almost time for our much-loved Books Brownies and Beans used book sale! As a community of readers, many of us know the delight in both culling our personal collections to make room for new finds and soliciting donations from friends and colleagues. At the moment donations are down a bit compared to past years, so now’s the time to gather books of every genre! **Bring your donations here to OUUC by October 15th.** And please, spread the news about the sale so the church is full of books and shoppers on **both October 25-26!**

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update: <https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>